

Ionia (Main house)
.1 mile east of Rt. 640 and .8 mile north
of junction with Rt. 613
Trevilians vicinity
Green Springs Historic District
Louisa County
Virginia

HABS No. VA-1232

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Louisa	TOWN OR VICINITY Trevilians vicinity; Green Spring Historic District
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Ionia (Name given by Dr. George Watson, owner from 1845 - 1854)		HABS NO. VA-1232
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Clover Plains (Name prior to "Ionia")		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) .1 mile E. of Rt. 640 and .8 miles N. of junction with Rt. 613		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) (National Register of c. 1775 Historic Places)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Ionia is one of the best-preserved story-and-a-half plantation houses typical of the Virginia Tidewater area and early Piedmont area. Original seat of the prominent Watson Family. Has been in continuous use as a private dwelling.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Pre-Revolutionary Plantation House		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboarded frame dwelling with slate roof. Predominantly Flemish bond brick foundation.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The central block measured 16' x 16'. East and West wings extend 14' and 20' respectively. Northern wing extends 20'. T-shaped.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Three exterior end chimneys (two now enclosed). Pedimented dormers, paired front doors, shed-roofed entrance porch and six-over-six sash windows.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior contains original hand-grained woodworking of the mantels and wainscoting in the original section. Other original features include chairrail and door and window framings. Original hardware on doors.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Three major additions were made to the north, west, and east sides of the original structure. These additions were completed by April 1803 as shown on copies of the original insurance policies seen at Ionia.		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE Private residence in very good condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Remaining outbuildings include a carriage house, a "spinning house", a dairy, a smokehouse, slave quarters, kitchen, and one of the oldest timber barns in Virginia with some original hardware.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) 1. National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form 2. Interview with Pallison B. and John N. Hanger, Jr., on February 9, 1985. 3. Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places.		
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